

Customer No.: 31561
Docket No.: 13216-US-PA
Application No.: 10/711,568

REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

Drawings received on 1/26/2006 are acceptable. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liu (US 6,618,230, hereinafter as "Liu") in view of Gonthier (US 6,208,126, hereinafter as "Gonthier"). Claims 13-20 are allowed. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Discussion of Claim Rejection on Claims 1-12

Applicant cancels Claims 1-12 in this response for making the rejections moot. Claims 1-12 are canceled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant takes this action merely to reduce the number of disputed issues and to facilitate early allowance and issuance of other claims in the present application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of these canceled claims in a continuing application, if applicant so chooses, and does not intend to dedicate any of the canceled subject matter to the public.

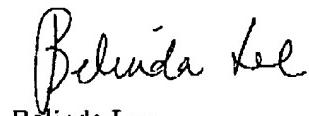
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CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and the pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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